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WHEREAS, the member states of the International Association continue to experience unnecessary problems and costs in the acquisition of lands for fish and wildlife in the interest of all the citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Congress has failed to take affirmative action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies again urges the Congress of the United States to amend Public Law 91-646 to delete relocation payments when the purchase is for fish and wildlife purposes from persons who sell their property willingly.

Resolution No. 12

Tax Deductible Contributions

WHEREAS, paintings, prints, sculptures and other art objects constitute important contributions to worthy fund raising events, including those for fish and wildlife conservation; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that such art objects represent time, effort and talent of monetary value to the artists or craftsmen who create an art object; and

WHEREAS, present tax laws do not recognize the monetary value of contributions of such art objects to charitable, conservation and other causes which are officially recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as being eligible to tax deductible contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies endorses and urges the passage of legislation presently before Congress, such as H. R. 2498, which seeks to amend federal tax laws to allow the market value of any art object contributed to qualified scientific and educational organizations to be considered as a cash contribution.

Resolution No. 13

Trapper Education Programs

WHEREAS, an increasing number of wildlife agencies and organizations are recognizing the need for training of first-time trappers; and

WHEREAS, trapping requires thorough knowledge of animal habitats and habits; and

WHEREAS, knowledge of trapping devices and proper sets is essential;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies hereby urges the states and provinces to develop and implement appropriate education programs for first-time trappers and, thereby, to assist in ensuring that trapping be conducted on a socially acceptable basis.